IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph bridging Pages 8 and 9 of the Specification to read as follows:

The cardan flexibility in the flexible longitudinal section 8 is achieved in the embodiment shown here by the fact that the supporting body 2 has multiple rings in the flexible longitudinal section 8, these rings being arranged one after the other in the longitudinal direction 7 of the pipe 1 and also being aligned coaxially with the longitudinal direction 7. In addition, two neighboring rings 9 are joined together by only two webs 10. The webs 10 assigned to the same pairing of rings are diametrically opposite one another here and thereby create a spacing between the neighboring rings 9 extending in the longitudinal direction 7. This spacing of the rings creates the recesses 6.

Please amend the paragraph on Page 9 in lines 6 to 24 of the Specification to read as follows:

It is also especially important for creating the desired mobility that when there are three rings 9 following one another in the longitudinal direction 7, the only two webs 10 by which

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the middle ring 9 is connected to the one adjacent ring 9 is arranged so it is rotated 90° about the longitudinal axis 7 in comparison with the only two webs 10 by which the respective middle ring 9 is connected to the other neighboring ring 9. The successive pairs of webs in the longitudinal direction 7 are thus each offset by 90° in relation to one another. Owing to the elasticity of the essentially rigid first plastic, each individual ring 9 allows a relatively minor elastic bending deformation, whereby a comparatively great flexible deformability can be achieved for the supporting body 2 and thus for the pipe 1 over the number of rings 9 within the flexible longitudinal section 8. In addition, the special embodiment of the supporting body 2 shown here also allows it to elastically withstand compression and stretching in parallel with the longitudinal direction 7.